

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A plurality of items of color-component data representing an image are input and a plurality of  
5 items of output color-component data representing an image to be reproduced by a printer are decided and output. In case of an image in a specific area in which an entered image is represented by at least two items of color-component data, any one item of color-  
10 component data is decided upon as output color-component data.